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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

APPENDIX A

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE June 4, 1984

FULL NAME Louis Charles Kelsey

(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS P. O. Box 89

CITY Arcadia STATE Michigan ZIP CODE 49613

This is according to our registration records. Newspaper states that he is 61.
DATE OF BIRTH March 1927 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE _____ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION Protestant NATIONALITY American - (German-English)

OCCUPATION Park worker - formerly custodian of Arcadia School - formerly Great Lakes

Merchant Marines Service

EDUCATION High School?

WEIGHT approximately 180 HEIGHT approximately 6 ft RACE white

(slightly balded)

COLOR OF HAIR Dark Brown in front COLOR OF EYES unknown

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS Sailing ships and Boy Scout activities

MARRIED OR SINGLE Single CHILDREN unknown

(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME n/a

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
Great Lakes					
District	Traverse City	MI	District Act. Chrm.	1/1/83	11/4/83

SPECIAL RECOGNITION Veteran Scouter (20 or more years), Vigil - Order of the Arrow

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

He resigned on November 4, 1983, when notified by State Police officer that he was accused of seven counts of sexual misconduct. Plead guilty to a charge of one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct, and convicted in April 1984. Sexual misconduct was conducted with Cub and Scout age boys.

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION AND LIST ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

He resigned to me personally, on the telephone on November 4, 1983. I have personally worked with the State Police in keeping publicity on his merit to minimum. All newspaper clippings are attached.

NOTED

AUG 30 '84

JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed _____

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council Scenic Trails Council

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August 31, 1984

Mr. Paul J. Ryan
Scout Executive
Scenic Trails Council, No. 274

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Louis Kelsey

Dear Paul:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man permanently on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

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SEP 5 1984

ERIN ORILEY

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July 24, 1984

Mr. Paul J. Ryan
Scout Executive
Scenic Trails Council, No. 274

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Louis Kelsey

Dear Paul:

About two months ago we received word from our communications people that the above named individual was arrested and convicted on some criminal sexual conduct charges.

We would like to have more information concerning this matter and more newspaper clippings or other information which would be most helpful in refusing registration at a later time.

I am enclosing a Confidential Record Sheet, which I would like to have completed so that we can identify Mr. Kelsey.

Please let me know if we can be of any help from this office.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

Enclosure

READY TO FILE
JUL 25 1984
ERIN O'RILEY

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June 11, 1984

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Mr. Paul J. Ryan
Scout Executive
Scenic Trails Council, No. 274

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter concerning Louis Kelsey. You have given us a complete documentation of all the facts and this should be enough to maintain this individual on our files and refuse registration should it be sent to us from any council.

Please let us know if there are any other facts which come to light concerning this. In the mean time, we have the material which will enable us to refuse registration.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: East Central Region

READY FOR FILE
JUN 12 1984
DAWN HARDELL

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NEWS ALERT

Date: May 30, 1984
Time: 2:45 p.m.

The following information was received from the source indicated and may have possible news or other confidential implications. Details to follow, if required.

Source: Paul J. Ryan, Scout Executive Telephone: 616-938-2200

(Name and Title)

Address: Scenic Trails Council, Traverse City, MICH.

The facts: Louis Kelsey, 61, Arcadia, MICH., veteran Scouter and ^{at the time} currently on the
district committee, charged on 7 counts and convicted on 1 (2 degree criminal sexual

conduct without penetration) involving Webelos and other boys that age. Alleged
events took place at his home. Kelsey voluntarily resigned from BSA positions
November 1983 when arrested and is no longer registered. Has reached Detroit media
now as result of suit by a parent against the judge over the "light" (6 months, \$500)
penalty imposed. The man is single; the incidents did not involve Scouting
activities.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS: Ryan advised to alert Region. He will send
clips to PR, Ernst advised.

Signed: Darlene Kollar

Ext: 2271

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Kelsey Case Continues

Lewis Kelsey was bound over to Circuit Court today on two counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct after a preliminary examination in District Court before Judge William Stapleton.

4-2-84 Plea Bargain Accepted in Kelsey Case

An Arcadia man, charged with sex crimes against young boys, entered a guilty plea in Circuit Court Friday before Judge Charles Wickens, who accepted the plea.

Lewis Charles Kelsey, 61, of Box 89, Fourth Street, Arcadia, pleaded guilty to a charge of one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct. The plea bargain came a week before Kelsey was set to appear in Circuit Court on seven counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct lodged against him in November and January.

Kelsey was involved in Boy Scout organization activities until he resigned about a week prior to his November arrest. He was employed as a laborer for Orchard Beach State Park and was a janitor for about 10 years in the Onkama Consolidated School District until 1981.

Sentencing will be at a later date.

Kelsey Sentenced

MAY 1984

An Arcadia man who pleaded guilty to second degree criminal sexual conduct was sentenced to six months in jail and three years probation in Circuit Court this morning.

Lewis Charles Kelsey, 61, Fourth Street, Arcadia, was sentenced by Judge Charles Wickens to jail and probation plus \$250 in fines and \$250 in court costs.

Kelsey pleaded guilty to a charge of one count of second degree criminal sexual conduct in April. Wickens accepted that plea. Kelsey was charged previously with seven counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct lodged against him in November 1983 and December 1984.

He was involved in Boy Scout organization activities until he resigned about a week prior to his November arrest. He was employed as a laborer for Orchard Beach State Park and was a janitor for about 10 years in the Onkama Consolidated School District until 1981.

Judge Charles Wickens refused to accept a guilty plea on those charges in Circuit Court Jan. 17 and remanded the case back to District Court for a preliminary examination.

Kelsey now goes to trial on those two charges plus five other charges of second degree criminal sexual conduct. The first five were lodged in November; the second two in January. No date has been set for the trial.

Second degree criminal sexual conduct usually involves sexual conduct or contact (short of penetration) with children. The maximum penalty is 15 years in a state prison.

Kelsey, 61, of Box 89, Fourth Street, Arcadia, was employed as a laborer for Orchard Beach State Park at the time of his arrest in November and was a janitor for about 10 years in the Onkama Consolidated School District until 1981. He was involved in Boy Scout activities until he resigned about a week prior to his arrest.

DETROIT FREE PRESS (APPEAL 7/25/84)

Light sentence angers mother of molested son

MANISTEE — (UPI) — An Onkama woman says she's outraged that a judge has given a light sentence to the former Boy Scout leader convicted of molesting her son and six other scouts.

Manistee County Circuit Judge Charles Wickens sentenced Lewis Kelsey, 61, of Arcadia, to six months in jail and three years' probation. He also ordered the former janitor to pay \$500 in fines and costs and to seek counseling.

The sentence was handed down this week after Wickens accepted Kelsey's guilty plea to one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct. Kelsey originally was charged with seven counts.

Kelsey, a janitor with the Onkama Consolidated School District until 1981, could have been sentenced to five years in prison.

"I COULD NOT believe the judge would let a child molester get six months in jail," [redacted] mother of one of the boys, said in an interview with the Manistee News-Advocate.

"He did not consider what the boys and the parents went through. . . . I can't believe that this can happen in this day and age," she said. "He molested boys and gets away with it so he can turn around and do it again. That's not justice."

[redacted] said her 12-year-old son — who was 11 at the time of the incidents — kept silent because Kelsey told him his stepfather didn't love him, would think he was a "dirty boy" and would send him away from his mother to live with his natural father.

Kelsey, who resigned from scouting just before his arraignment last year, also bought the seven boys' trust and silence with gifts and special treatment, [redacted] said.

Kelsey was employed as a laborer for the Orchard Beach State Park at the time of his arrest.

Kelsey Case Goes Back To District Court

11/17/84

Judge Charles Wickens refused to accept a guilty plea to charges of second degree criminal sexual conduct from Lewis Charles Kelsey in Circuit Court today, and the court remanded the case back to District Court for a preliminary examination.

To date, Kelsey has been charged with seven counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct. The first five were lodged in November, the second two in January.

A second degree criminal sexual conduct charge usually involves sexual con-

duct or contact (short of penetration) with children under 13 years of age or between the ages of 13 and 16 in family cases. The maximum penalty is 15 years in a state prison.

Kelsey, 61, of Box 89, Fourth Street, Arcadia, was employed at the time of his arrest in November as a laborer for Orchard Beach State Park and was a janitor until 1981 in the Onkama Consolidated School System. He was active in Boy Scout activities until he resigned about a week before his arrest.

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SCENIC TRAILS COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA

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COUNCIL NUMBER 274 2308 US-31 N TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN 49684 TELEPHONE (616) 938-2200

June 4, 1984

Mr. Paul Ernst/SUM 0108
Registration Subscription Fulfillment
National Council
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75062-1296

PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is a confidential file report form on former Scouter, Louis Kelsey, who has been registered in our Council for some 20 years as a District Committeeman, District Commissioner, and various unit positions. I am sure that the record, as shown in the newspaper clippings, is correct, in that I was personally involved in his resignation, and worked with the State Police on the case. As much as I can tell from my investigation, these sexual misconduct activities were done with young boys in the age group 9-12, and, as far as we can gather, were all done in his home. We have not discovered any misconduct at a Troop meeting, or Cub or Scout activity. This man was even a volunteer provisional scoutmaster at our camp for portions of many summers. We only made a light investigation into his camp activities, and could find no sexual misconduct there.

We are fairly certain that these charges definitely did involve Cub Scouts, although, no parents have contacted this office, or any other members of the District Committee.

After I discussed the matter with you last Thursday, by phone, I followed your suggestion and contacted Barkley Bollas with regard to the Detroit Free Press picking up this matter, and I also contacted Bill Downs, since this man was a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. I am, therefore, sending a confidential carbon copy of this letter to Mr. Bollas and Mr. Downs, in case they are contacted.

Bob Birkemeier and Ren Metzgar, of the East Central Region, are also aware of this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Ryan
Scout Executive

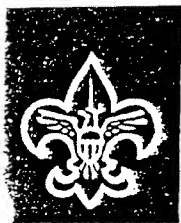
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cc: Barkley Bollas/SUM 0313
William F. Downs/SUM 0209

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SCENIC TRAILS COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA

SCOUTING/USA

COUNCIL NUMBER 274 2308 US-31 N TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN 49684 TELEPHONE (616) 938-2200

March 11, 1986

Paul Ernst, Director
Registration and Subscription Fulfillment
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75038-3096

PERSONAL/CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Ernst:

About three years ago Mr. Louis Kelsey of Arcadia Michigan, was convicted on a charge of child molestation involving Webelos Cub Scouts. He was registered with Cub Pack #63 of this Council, located in Onekama, Michigan. He was also registered on the Great Lakes District Committee of this Council. At that time, we mutually placed his name in the confidential file.

After that date, the Council was sued for letting him be involved in Scouting and I believe Risk Management settled the matter for some \$13,500.

I am enclosing the front page of the Manistee News Advocate, dated Friday, November 22, 1985. (I received this copy only a few days ago.) An article on this page shows that he violated his probation and is back in jail. I understand that the probation violation did not involve any members of the Boy Scouts of America, and therefore, we are not involved at this time.

This article should probably be added to his file.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Ryan
Scout Executive

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MAR 14 1986

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Kelsey Sentenced

Charles L. Kelsey, 63, of Arcadia, was sentenced Thursday in 19th Circuit Court to a two- to 15-year prison term by special judge William Peterson for a probation violation of a 1984 criminal sexual conduct conviction, reported Jim Ribbey, probation officer.

Kelsey was convicted May 15, 1984 of CSCII, sexual contact with a minor. In October of this year, Judge James Batzer removed himself from the case after Kelsey's attorney motioned for Batzer to disqualify himself on the grounds that this case became a campaign issue last year.

Kelsey was convicted of the probation violation in September by visiting judge John Huft. The probation order stipulated that he not associate with minors without supervision.

Kelsey was given credit of 163 days for time served.